(c) whether it is a fact that recovery of the amount due is not pressed into operation by Government through the Collector despite the fact that the company has not compiled with the Court Order;

(d) what steps Government have taken in the absence of non-furnishing of data by the company; and

(e) since when the recovery is pending and what are the implications of delay in recovery of 78 crores already assessed against the company;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The Company has not yet made available the entire data for the period after 25-8-1987 in a number of cases and this default on its part has been noted for appropriate action at the relevant time. In the event of the complete data not becoming available from the Company, the Government will have no alternative but to make use of whatever data that becomes available from other sources to enable determination of the liability of the Company and passing of a speaking order, in accordance with the order dated 8th March, 1991 of the Bombay High Court. The question of effecting the recovery of the amount (alongwith interest from the date of default) will be taken up thereafter as admissible under the law.

Reduction in the Prices of Insulin

1327. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1673 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Insulin was reduced from Rs. 14970 per MU o Rs. 13391 per MU on 6th March, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that the impact of reduction in the price of bulk drug was not passed on to consumer;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the basis on which the producer increased the prices of finished medicines and whether the producer took permission to increase the prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Cell to monitor the prices of medicines;

(f) if so, who heads this work in Pharmaceutical Division; and

(g) what are their findings and what action has been taken by the monitoring cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The companies fix their own prices for formulations which are not under price control under the DPCO, 1987. The company has been selling the product 'Insulin' under the generic name which is exempt from price control under the provisions of DPCO 1987. The increase in prices of this product as per the information available has been because of high escalation in costs of the major raw materials.

(e) to (g) The pharmaceutical division in the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals is incharge of the work relating to Monitoring of the pricees of medicines. This division *inter-alia* keeps watch over the prices of decontrolled medicines.

Prices of Bulk Drugs

1328. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1668 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs for which prices have been reduced till date after the promulgation of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what were their earlier and reduced prices datewise;